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- ☒ original, first and sole inventor; or
- ☐ an original, first and joint inventor along with the other inventors listed below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
- Production of products containing precipitated calcium carbonate

the specification of which

- ☐ is attached hereto;
- ☒ was filed on February 12, 1999 as Application  
Serial No 09/248,392 and was amended  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended as indicated above.

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### Prior Foreign Application(s)

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Prior United States Filing

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date(s) of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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respectively and individually, as my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please address all communications to:

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